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FOR WILLIAM G. BOWDLER

FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTO DOMINGO 4832 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PORT
AU PRINCE 25 NOV

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: LEAVE OF FOREIGN SECRETARY VICTOR GOMEZ AND APPOINTMENT OF
ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY

1. PRESS NOV 20 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD SIGNED
DECREEE PREVIOUS DAY NAMING EX-AMBASSADOR FABIO HERRERA CABRAL
AS ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS DURING
"LEAVE" OF SECRETARY VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES.

2. FOLLOWING THIS REPORT, RUMORS CIRCULATED THAT LEAVE OF
GOMEZ WAS FORCED AND PRELIMINARY TO HIS DISMISSAL. MOST
PREVALENT SPECULATION WAS THAT HE HAD FALLEN INTO DISFAVOR
BECAUSE OF MISCALCULATION AT QUITO MEETING IN VOTING FOR
UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL TO LIFT OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA
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AND HIS ACTION IN SIGNING WITHOUT PRIOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

12-NATION DECLARATION SUPPORTING LIFTING OF SANCTIONS.

3. ON NOV 21 VICTOR GOMEZ TOLD PRESS AFTER MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT BALAGUER THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN FIRED. HOWEVER,
RUMORS OF HIS IMPENDING DISMISSAL HAVE PERSISTED.

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